

# The North Country

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family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge.

Since May 2, 1930, Mr. Rockwood has served as postmaster.

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**Arthur D. Erwin.**—Active and progressive in business, Arthur D. Erwin is a leading citizen of Dickinson Center, in Franklin County. He was born at Moira, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1882, the son of David Erwin and Emma (Slate) Erwin.

David Erwin was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Fort Covington, Nov. 22, 1845, the son of Thomas Erwin. The latter was born in Ireland and emigrated to the United States about 1830. His first wife died in Ireland and he was later married at Fort Covington. To the latter marriage were born four children, of whom David, the father of the subject of this sketch, was the youngest. Thomas Erwin died at the age of 94 years and is buried in Fort Covington Cemetery.

At the age of 17 years David Erwin enlisted as a private in Company I, New York Volunteer Infantry, and saw three years of active service in the Civil War. He was with Gen. Philip Sheridan at the battle of Shenandoah Valley, and also participated in the battles of Cold Harbor, Cedar Creek, and Fredericksburg. He was also with Gen. Grant at the battle of the Wilderness, and at Petersburg. Mr. Erwin, who died March 2, 1928, was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. For a number of years after his return from the service he was engaged in farming near Moira. He was married in 1869 to Miss Emma Slate, the daughter of Charles Slate of Bangor, N. Y. To them were born five children: 1. Charles. 2. Clarence. 3. Arthur D., the subject of this sketch. 4. Donna, a school teacher in Franklin County. 5. Winifred, married Arthur Taylor, lives at Utica, N. Y.

Arthur D. Erwin attended the public schools of Moira and in early life was interested in general farming. For a period of seven years he operated a creamery at Moira in partnership with H. A. Stiles, and in 1917 Mr. Erwin sold his interest in the business and entered the employ of C. E. Brush & Son. The following year he was put in charge of the company's mill at Dickinson Center, and in 1920 when the business was incorporated Mr. Erwin became a stockholder and director. In January, 1931, he purchased the mill at Dickinson Center, with which he is now identified.

On Jan. 5, 1905, Mr. Erwin was united in marriage with Miss Florence Drake, the daughter of A. M. and Donna (Peck) Drake, of Moira. They had two daughters: 1. Carmen F., born Nov. 26, 1907, a graduate of Potsdam Normal College, class of 1927, is now a teacher in the public